GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations of irregularities in enforcement of building standards in construction of Residential / Commercial complex in Srikakulam Municipality – Disciplinary action against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired) of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation – Charges framed - Enquiry conducted - Report communicated - Imposing a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Two (2) years" – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT(Vig.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.665 **Dated.06.09.2022.**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.105 (C.No.1103/V&E/Dev-II/2007), dt.15.12.2012.
2. G.O.Rt.No.455, MA&UD (E1) Dept., dated.30.03.2013.
3. Served copy of G.O. served on Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO., received through the DTCP., Letter, dt.12.08.2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.498, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated 14.07.2015.
5. Enquiry Report from Smt. C.Anuradha, Member Secretary, Property Tax Board & Enquiry Officer, dated.30.07.2019.
6. Govt.Memo.No.29896/Vig.I/2012, dated.28.10.2020.
7. Written Representation of Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, Retired Town Planning Supervisor, dated "nil".
8. Govt. Memo.No.29896/Vig.I/2012, dated.09.03.2022.
9. Written Representations received from Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO., (retired), Srikakulam, through DTCP., Guntur, Dt:13.04.2022.
10. Govt. Letter No.29896/Vig.I/2012, dated.01.06.2022.
11. From the Secretary (FAC), APPSC, AP, Vijayawada, Dated.18.07.2022.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that the V&E officials conducted enquiry into the construction of residential buildings in Srikakulam Municipal Corporation regarding enforcement of relevant building standards to be adopted and found out certain deviations were allowed while construction of buildings. In the reference 1st read above, among others, it has been recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Sri V.Uma Maheshara Rao, the then Town Planning Building Overseer, and four (4) others of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, among others, Government initiated departmental proceedings by issuing articles of charges against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defence thereon.

3. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, Government appointed Smt. C.Anuradha, the then RDMA, Guntur as an Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired) and four (4) others of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation.

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4. In the reference 5th read above, Smt. C.Anuradha, the then RDMA., and Member Secretary, Property Tax Board, O/o. CDMA., Guntur & Inquiry Officer submitted her enquiry report concluding that, all the four (4) charges framed against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation were held 'proved' in the enquiry.

5. Government have examined the enquiry report and communicated a copy of enquiry report under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao and directed him to submit his written representation, if any, on the findings of the enquiry report of the enquiry officer, vide reference 6th read above.

6. Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, in his written representation, vide reference 7th read above, while denying the findings of I.A has requested to drop further action against him in the matter.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of enquiry report, and written representation, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Two (2) years" against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired) for his dereliction of duties and failure to control the Un-authorized constructions and issued a show cause notice, calling for explanation as to why the said penalty cannot be imposed against him under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, vide reference 8th read above. In reply, Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, TPBO (retired) has submitted written explanation and requested to drop further action vide reference 9th read above.

8. Government have examined the written representation of the Charged officer; keeping in view of the Inquiry Report and found that there are no new grounds put forth by the Charged Officer. After careful examination of the matter and after following due procedure, it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Two (2) years" against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired).

9. In the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada was requested to convey the concurrence of the Commission to the Government proposal.

10. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has informed that, Commission agrees with the proposals of the Government, to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Two (2) years" against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation and advised accordingly.

11. Government after careful and detailed examination of the matter, have decided to confirm the penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Two (2) years" against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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12. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of Two (2) years" against Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

13. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

14. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired),
Srikakulam Municipal Corporation - **through** the DTCP, A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Krishna District
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER.